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PATENT
Docket No. D 8927B-OC/FOHPT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Franz-Josef Carduck, et al., a Continuation under
37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of:

Serial No. 09/277,399
Filed: 03/26/99
TITLE: A LIQUID DISTRIBUTOR

Examiner: A. Chambers
Art Unit: 3753

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 15.

Amend claim 1 as shown below:

1. (amended) A liquid distributor, said distributor being in the form of a channel distributor comprising a drainage outlet in the form of a drainage pipe having a cross-section, at the upper end of the drainage pipe, which tapers downward in the shape of a nozzle, wherein the inner wall of the nozzle is comprised of a material resistant to the adherence of solids which would block the flow of liquid through the outlet.

Add the following claims:

18. (New) A liquid distributor having a tapering drainage pipe in the shape of a